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SUBJ: GUYANESE MEDDLING IN FRENCH GUIANA

1. GUYANESE CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE, SIDNEY SAUL, HAS TAKEN SPECIAL INTEREST IN FRENCH GUIANA SINCE ARRIVAL HERE LATE LAST YEAR. ONE OF MY FIRST CONVERSATIONS WITH SAUL ELICITED HEATED AND NEGATIVE PREOCCUPATION WITH GUIANA AS LAST REMAINING COLONY IN SOUTH AMERICA.

2. SAUL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM FIRST TRIP TO CAYENNE AND KOUROU SPACE CENTER WITH A GOOD DEAL TO SAY ABOUT STATUS OF NEIGHBORING DEPENDENCY AND "THREAT" IT REPRESENTS TO SURINAM AND BRAZIL. HE HAS PERSONALLY RAISED MATTER WITH DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SENIOR CAREER OFFICIAL), URGING VIEW THAT GOS SHOULD CALL FOR ABOLISHMENT OF FR. GUIANA'S DEPENDENT STATUS, AND THAT PRESENCE OF "3,000" FOREIGN LEGIONNAIRES AT KOUROU ENDANGERS SECURITY OF SURINAM. (A FEW STRAY OVER THE BORDER IN SEARCH OF DIVERSION AND ARE ROUTINELY HANDED BACK.) DIRECTOR TOLD ME HE ASSURED UNCONVINCED SAUL THAT SURINAM HAS NO NEED TO FEAR SPARSELY SETTLED
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GOLONY NEXT DOOR, ADDED GOS HAS NO PLANS TO TAKE POSITION

ON ITS STATUS.

3. GUYANESE HAS ALSO ENDEAVORED ENLIST SYMPATHIES OF NEW BRAZILIAN CHARGE SANTOS WHO RECEIVED CALL FROM SAUL ASKING TO MEET AT LOCAL HOTEL TO DISCUSS FRENCH GUIANA "SITUATION." SAUL DECLAIMED TO PERPLEXED BRAZILIAN THAT FRENCH MUST BE COMPELLED TO RELINQUISH REMAINING HOLDINGS IN HEMISPHERE, DARKLY NOTED GARRISON AT KOUROU, AND CHARTED THAT MULTI-STORY PUBLIC HOUSING IN CAYENNE CONSTRUCTED BY OPPRESSIVE FRENCH ONLY TO EXERT "SOCIAL CONTROL" OVER OCCUPANTS.

4. SANTOS GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SAUL WAS IN TOUCH DURING VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF SMALL GUIANA INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (PROBABLY MOGUYDE) AND SPECULATES, WITHOUT CLEAR FOUNDATION, THAT CUBANS SHOMEHOW INVOLVED IN SAUL'S APPROACHES TO HIM AND TO GENERAL AND FORN MINISTRY DIRECTOR. (SAUL INTRODUCED VISITING CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA AND AIDE TO SANTOS.)

5. COMMENT: NEITHER DIRECTOR NOR SANTOS CAN BE SURE THAT SAUL'S INITIATIVES WERE RESULT OF INSTRUCTIONS. GIVEN PRIMEMIN BURNHAM'S CURRENT ANTI-BRAZILIAN CAMPAIGN, SAUL'S ODD CHOICE OF SANTOS AS POSSIBLE ALLY IN PROMOTING GUIANAN INDEPENDENCE SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY HAVE DISCOVERED PERSONAL CAUSE TO OFFSET FRUSTRATIONS HE HAS COMPAAINED OF IN DEALING WITH GOS. (SAUL IS VIEWED WITH SOME SUSPICION HERE, AS LRE ALL GUYANESE; HIS MAO JACKETS AND OTHER THIRD WORLD STIGMATA REINFORCE THIS.)
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